

QUARTERLY PROGRAM TOPIC REPORT
WETA TV26 PROGRAMMING

1st Quarter 2017
January, February, March

As the program schedule for WETA TV26 is planned, consideration is given to a variety of special interests in the Washington metropolitan area. During January, February, March, the following issues were covered in a variety of programming.

American History / Biography
Arts
Business / Industry
Crime / Legal Issues / Law Enforcement
Economy
Environment / Nature / Natural Disasters
Health / Health Care
National Politics
Science / Technology
War / Veterans / National Security

The programming listed below represents ongoing series that continually touch upon the previously mentioned topics.

BBC World News America (Weeknights)
Charlie Rose (Weeknights)
Frontline (Weekly)
Nightly Business Report (Weeknights)
PBS NewsHour (Weeknights)
PBS NewHour Weekend (Weekends)
Religion and Ethics Newsweekly (Weekly)
To the Contrary (Weekly)
Washington Week (Weekly)

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American History / Biography

SIDNEY LUMET: AMERICAN MASTERS (120) minutes

Aired January 3, 2017 at 8:00pm

Journey through the life's work of the socially conscious director of *Serpico*, *12 Angry Men* and *Network* in a never-before-seen interview. With candor, humor and grace, Sidney Lumet reveals what matters to him as an artist and as a human being.

MAYA ANGELOU: AMERICAN MASTERS (120) minutes

Aired February 21, 2017 at 8:00pm

Journey through the prolific life of the *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* author and activist who inspired generations with lyrical modern African-American thought. Features new interviews with Oprah Winfrey, Common, the Clintons, and others.

AUDUBON (600) minutes

Aired March 31, 2017 at 8:30pm

Audubon is a one-hour documentary that explores the extraordinary figure of John James Audubon. A self-taught painter and ornithologist, he left a legacy of art and science that made him famous in his lifetime and endures to this day. His portrait hangs in the White House, his statue stands over the entrance to the American Museum of Natural History, and his name was adopted by the nation's first conservation organization. More than 100 books have been written about him, yet the story of John James Audubon has never been told on screen. Filmed in all of the major locations that Audubon explored himself, from Newfoundland and Texas to Key West and Montana, this documentary brings to life Audubon's timeless paintings with stunning footage of the living birds he immortalized - and celebrates visually the natural world he described so eloquently in his writings. The program features interviews with the foremost authorities on the man, experts on his art, and scholars of his science to put his work in a modern perspective. Not only is Audubon's work still relevant, it carries a message that could not be more timely and important in today's America.

Arts

ALICIA KEYS-LANDMARKS LIVE IN CONCERT: A GREAT PERFORMANCES SPECIAL (60) minutes

Aired January 20, 2017 at 9:00pm

Enjoy the debut of a pop music series. Grammy-winner Alicia Keys performs in notable locations all around New York, including the world-famous Circle Line, the Unisphere and Harlem's Apollo. Hosted by Chad Smith of the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

SMOKEY ROBINSON: THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS GERSHWIN PRIZE (90) minutes

Aired February 10, 2017 at 9:30pm

Join host Samuel L. Jackson for an all-star tribute to singer and songwriter Smokey Robinson, the 2016 recipient of the Gershwin Prize, with a special appearance by Berry Gordy, founder of Motown.

GREAT PERFORMANCES: DUDAMEL CONDUCTS TANGOS UNDER THE STARTS WUTH THE L.A. PHILHARMONIC (90) minutes

Aired March 31, 2017 at 8:30 pm

Sway to LA Phil Music Director Gustavo Dudamel at the Hollywood Bowl as he leads the orchestra in an evening of Latin music, including works by Alberto Ginastera, Astor Piazzolla and Lalo Schifrin.

Business / Industry

FRONTLINE: PRESIDENT TRUMP (60) minutes

Aired January, 3, 2017 at 10:00pm

Examine the key moments that shaped President-elect Donald Trump. Interviews with advisors, business associates and biographers reveal how Trump transformed himself from real estate developer to entertainer to president.

CHARLIE ROSE (60) minutes

Aired February 20, 2017 at 11:00pm

A rebroadcast of an 11/06/1992 interview with Donald Trump, who talked about his recent “comeback” after flirting with bankruptcy, his support of Mike Tyson after his imprisonment for rape, his divorce from Ivana Trump, and the rumors that he would run for president.

AFRICA’S GREAT CIVILIZATIONS (120) minutes

Aired March 1, 2017 at 9:00pm

“Empires of Gold”: Henry Louis Gates, Jr. uncovers the complex trade networks and advanced educational institutions that transformed early north and west Africa from deserted lands into the continent’s wealthiest kingdoms and learning centers.

“Cities”: Gates explores the power of Africa’s greatest ancient cities, including Kilwa, Great Zimbabwe and Benin City, whose wealth, art and industry successes attracted new European interest and interaction along the continent’s east and west coasts.

Crime / Legal Issues / Law Enforcement

ASSASSINATION OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE (60) minutes

Aired January 17, 2017 at 8:00pm

On March 4, 1865, at the United States Capitol, a crowd of 50,000 listened as President Lincoln delivered his classic second inaugural address, urging charity and forgiveness to a nation in the final throes of war. Just two months later, a train, nine cars long and draped in black bunting, pulled slowly out of a station in Washington, DC. Dignitaries and government officials crowded the first eight cars. In the ninth rode the body of Abraham Lincoln - America's first assassinated president. Some seven million people would line the tracks or file past the casket to bid an emotional farewell to the martyred president. But as the funeral train made its way across nine states and through hundreds of cities and towns, the largest manhunt in history was closing in on Lincoln's assassin, the famous actor John Wilkes Booth. This film recounts a great American drama: two tumultuous months when the joy of peace was shattered by the heartache of assassination. At the heart of the story are two figures who define the extremes of character: Lincoln, who had the strength to transform suffering into infinite compassion, and Booth, who allowed hatred to curdle into destruction.

OKLAHOMA CITY: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE (120) minutes

Aired February 7, 2017 at 9:00pm

Follow the rise of the extremist militia movement, from Ruby Ridge to Waco, that led to the deadliest act of domestic terrorism in American history the 1995 bombing by Timothy McVeigh that killed 168 people in Oklahoma City.

PBS NEWSHOUR (60) minutes

Aired March 3, 2017 at 7:00pm

Shields and Brooks on Russia investigation questions. Trump's joint address: Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and New York Times columnist David Brooks join Judy Woodruff to discuss the week's news, including revelations about Attorney General Jeff Sessions' meeting with the Russian ambassador and the core question of the Trump administration's connections to Russia, plus takeaways from President Trump's address to a joint session of Congress.

Economy

PBS NEWSHOUR (60) minutes

Aired January 16, 2017 at 7:00pm

Why so many students from for-profit schools are left in debt limbo: Students who attend for-profit college and training programs are more likely to borrow, borrow more and struggle to repay their loans. Not only that, but the overall graduation rate at for-profit institutions is just 27 percent. Meanwhile, a number of schools have shuttered, leaving former attendees with debt and no way to pay it back. Special correspondent Lizzie O'Leary reports.

AFRICA'S GREAT CIVILIZATIONS (120) minutes

Aired February 27, 2017 at 9:00pm

“Origins”: Journey with Professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr. to Kenya, Egypt and beyond as he discovers the origins of man, the formation of early human societies and the creation of significant cultural and scientific achievements on the African continent.

“The Cross and the Crescent”: Gates charts the rise of Christianity and Islam, whose economic and cultural influence stretched from Egypt to Ethiopia. Learn of African religious figures like King Lalibela, an Ethiopian saint, and Menelik, bringer of the Ark of the Covenant.

AFRICA'S GREAT CIVILIZATIONS (120) minutes

Aired March 2, 2017 at 9:00pm

“The Atlantic Age”: Gates explores the impact of the Atlantic trading world, giving rise to powerful new kingdoms, but also transatlantic slave trade. Learn of the revolutionary movements of the 18th-early 19th centuries, including the advent of the Sokoto Caliphate.

“Commerce and the Clash of Civilizations”: Gates explores the dynamism of 19th-century Africa, the “scramble” by European powers for its riches, and the defiant and successful stand of un-colonized Ethiopia.

Environment / Nature / Natural Disasters

NOVA: THE NUCLEAR OPTION (60) minutes

Aired January 11, 2017 at 9:00pm

Five years after the earthquake and tsunami that triggered the unprecedented trio of meltdowns at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, scientists and engineers are struggling to control an ongoing crisis at the wrecked plant. What is next for Fukushima? What is next for Japan? Moreover, what is next for a world that seems determined to jettison one of our most important carbon-free sources of energy? Despite the catastrophe, a new generation of nuclear power seems poised to emerge phoenix-like from the ashes of Fukushima. NOVA investigates how the realities of climate change, the inherent limitations of renewable energy sources, and the optimism and enthusiasm of a new generation of nuclear engineers is seeding a renaissance in nuclear technology, all while the most recent disaster is still being managed. What are the lessons learned from Fukushima? In addition, how might we be able to build a safe nuclear future?

AURORA-FIRE IN THE SKY (60) minutes

Aired February 1, 2017 at 10:00pm

Examine legends about the origins and meaning of the aurora, the colorful glow that often brightens the night sky in Earth's polar regions. Investigate the myths of Finland's Saami, Alaska's Inuit, Canada's Native Americans and New Zealand's Maori.

NATURE: YOSEMITE (60) minutes

Aired March 29, 2017 at 8:00pm

Yosemite Valley is a land forged in wildfire and sculpted by water, the delicate balance of these two elements are essential to the creatures and trees that call this land their home. But with climates changing and temperatures rising, the Sierras are under siege. Water is scarcer and the threat of fire is more common. Join scientists, experts, and adventurers as they trudge through mountains of snow, climb trees as tall as buildings, and soar high in the air to spy just how these global changes are affecting one of America's greatest wildernesses.

Health / Health Care

ALZHEIMER'S: EVERY MINUTE COUNTS (60) MINUTES

Aired January 25, 2017 at 10:00pm

Watch as the national public health threat posed by Alzheimer's disease is revealed. Explore an urgent wake-up call about the national threat posed by Alzheimer's disease. This powerful documentary illuminates the impending social and economic crisis for America unless a cure for Alzheimer's is found.

TO THE CONTRARY WITH BONNIE ERBE (60) minutes

Aired February 24, 2017 at 5:30pm

Social Safety Net: What can Americans expect from President Trump when it comes to cuts to social programs? Ivanka Trump's Role: Is the president daughter more about policy or PR? Hidden Figures: We look at the book about the groundbreaking black women of NASA that inspired the Oscar-nominated movie. PANEL: Anne Stone, Rina Shah, Anushay Hossain, Hilary Rosen.

DR. DAVID PERMLUTTER'S WHOLE LIFE PLAN (90 minutes)

Aired March 5, 2017 at 9:30 pm

You can choose your health destiny. Effortless weight loss. Freedom from neurological disorders and other chronic conditions. Boundless energy. A radiant appearance. Sound sleep. A happy belly. A robust immune system. Relief from depression and anxiety. A sharp, fast-thinking brain. A great sense of self-confidence and well-being. A super-high quality of life. These are all terrific goals, and who would not want to achieve them? However, such monumental accomplishments do not come without hard work and sacrifices. You cannot necessarily turn away from the standard American diet- bread, soda, OJ, sugar, cereal, muffins, bagels, processed foods-and embrace a totally gluten-free, low-carb lifestyle overnight. It takes commitment. It takes effort. However, it is doable with the plan outlined in this program.

Dr. Perlmutter's Whole Life Plan gives you a jump-start to a healthy way of living that you will be able to sustain indefinitely.

National Politics / Government

COMMAND AND CONTROL: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE (60) minutes

Aired January 10, 2017 at 10:30pm

A chilling nightmare plays out at a Titan II missile complex in Arkansas in September 1980. A worker accidentally drops a socket, puncturing the fuel tank of an intercontinental ballistic missile carrying the most powerful nuclear warhead in our arsenal, an incident which ignites a series of feverish efforts to avoid a deadly disaster.

RUBY RIDGE: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE (60) minutes

Aired February 14, 2017 at 9:00pm

Examine the 1992 FBI siege at Ruby Ridge that helped launch the modern militia movement through eyewitness accounts, including Randy Weaver's daughter and federal agents involved in the deadly confrontation.

HAMILTON'S AMERICA (120) minutes

Aired March 24, 2017 at 8:30pm

This documentary follows the creation of Lin-Manuel Miranda's pop culture Broadway phenomenon Hamilton and the history behind it. Interviews with Presidents Barack Obama and George W. Bush, Questlove, Jimmy Fallon, Nas, Stephen Sondheim and more.

Science / Technology

NOVA: SECRETS OF THE SKY TOMB (60) minutes

Aired January 4, 2017 at 9:00pm

A team of daring scientists reveals ancient secrets of the first people to settle the forbidding Himalayas. Join them as they climb into mountain tombs that preserve evidence of strange rituals designed to ward off the restless spirits of the dead.

CITY IN THE SKY: DEPARTURE (60) minutes

Aired February 8, 2017 at 10:00pm

Learn what it takes to get a million people off the ground—from building the world's biggest passenger plane to controlling the flow of passengers through the busiest airport on the planet to the perils of takeoff in the coldest city on Earth.

SPY IN THE WILD: A NATURE MINISERIES—MEET THE SPIES (60) minutes

Aired March 1, 2017 at 8:00 pm

The final "making of" episode takes us through the evolution of Spy Creatures from the original BoulderCam to the PenguinCams that inspired the "spycams" in this series. Marvel and laugh at unexpected and funny moments from the Spy Creatures' POV.

War / Veterans / National Security

NAZI MEGA WEAPONS: THE EAGLE'S NEST (60) minutes

Aired January 10, 2017 at 8:00pm

Investigate Hitler's mountain powerhouse. Home to Nazi elite, it became a labyrinth of underground tunnels, bunkers and secret escape routes, crowned by the awe-inspiring Eagle's Nest.

CHARLIE ROSE: THE WEEK (30) minutes

Aired February 3, 2017 at 10:30pm

David Sanger of The New York Times and Karim Sadjapour of The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace on the Trump Administration's new sanctions on Iran. Adam Liptak, David Boies, Jan Crawford, and Paul Clement on Supreme Court nominee Judge Neil Gorsuch. Former acting CIA Director Michael Morell on the appointment of Steve Bannon to the National Security Council. Director Raul Peck on I Am Not Your Negro, his biographical film about writer James Baldwin.

DEAD RECKONING: WAR AND JUSTICE—THE GENERAL'S GHOST (60) minutes

Aired March 28, 2017 at 8:00pm

See how laws and mechanisms for international justice are created in the wake of war crimes committed by Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan. General Yamashita's conviction for crimes against civilians establishes a command responsibility doctrine.